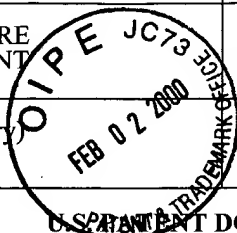


#3

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Rev. 2-32) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY. DOCKET NO. 498-53 CON RES	SERIAL NO. Unassigned
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	APPLICANT Schmitt, et al.	
(Use several sheets if necessary)	FILING DATE Herewith	GROUP Unassigned



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
B	2,836,181	05/27/58	Tapp			
	2,845,959	08/05/58	Sidebotham			
	2,924,250	02/09/60	Sidebotham			
	2,978,787	04/11/61	Liebig			
	3,044,497	07/17/62	Rebut			
	3,105,492	10/01/63	Jeckel			
	3,108,357	10/29/63	Liebig			
	3,142,067	07/28/64	Liebig			
	3,479,670	11/25/69	Medell			
	3,570,013	03/16/71	Blumen			
	3,588,920	06/29/71	Wesolowski			
	3,688,317	09/05/72	Kurtz			
	3,805,301	04/23/74	Liebig			
	3,945,052	03/23/76	Liebig.			
	4,047,252	09/13/77	Liebig et al.			
	4,085,486	04/25/78	Dilo			
	4,124,731	11/07/78	Dilo			
	4,138,772	02/13/79	Dilo			
	4,202,349	05/13/80	Jones			
	4,474,851	10/02/84	Urry			
	4,500,700	02/19/85	Urry			
	4,517,687	05/21/85	Liebig, et al.			

RECEIVED
FEB - 7 2000
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

#3

76	4,545,082	10/08/85	Hood			
	4,550,447	11/05/85	Seiler, Jr. et al.			
	4,589,882	05/20/86	Urry			
	4,601,718	07/22/86	Possis, et al			
	4,872,874	10/10/89	Taheri			
	5,047,050	09/10/91	Arpesani			
	5,108,424	04/28/92	Hoffman, Jr. et al.			
	5,127,919	07/07/92	Ibrahim et al.			
	5,151,105	09/29/92	Kwan-Gett			
	5,178,630	01/12/93	Schmitt			
	5,197,977	03/30/93	Hoffman, Jr., et al.			
	5,383,927	01/24/95	De Goicoechea et al.			
	5,476,506	12/19/95	Lunn .			
	5,824,047	10/20/98	Moreland			

RECEIVED
FEB -7 2000
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
76	2913510	10/18/79	Germany				
	0 095 940 A	12/07/83	EPO				
	2 115 776 A	09/14/83	Great Britain				
	WO 8303349 5	10/13/83	PCT				
	WO 8806026	08/25/88	PCT				
	WO 8900031A	01/12/89	PCT				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

48	Belin, R.P., et al., A Method to Prevent Torsion of Arterial Prosthetic Grafts, Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Vol. 54, No. 1, p. 497/1967.	
EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED	9/11/00
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication with applicant.		